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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL AFTER ONE YEAR
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1. DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE POSSIBLE FORMATION EARLY NEXT MONTH OF A NEW LABOR CONFEDERATION WHICH WOULD REGROUP SOME OF THE MORE PROMINENT AUTONOMOUS UNIONS WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY STRONG IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

2. FOLLOWING A MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, CISAL, WHICH IS STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND AMONG PARASTATAL AND LOCAL GOVERNENT EMPLOYEES, SASMI, SNSN AND SNASE, WHICH ARE PROMINENTAMONG SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SIDA, WHICH IS REPRESENTED IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, ANNOUNCED DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE FORMATION IN EARLY DECEMBER OF A FOURTH LABOR CONFEDERATION. THE GUIDING PRINCIPLESOF THE NEW CONFEDERATION
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WOULD BE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND INDEPENDENCE FROM PARTY

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CONTROL ACCORDING TO THE WESTERN MODEL.

3. COMMENT: THIS LATEST ATTEMPT AT REGROUPING SOME OF THE MORE PROMINET AUTONOMOUS UNIONS IS A REFLECTION BOTH OF THE PRESSURES THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU) AND OF THE LIMITED SUCCESS SOME OF THEM HAVE HAD IN RECENT MONTHS IN ENCOUNTERS WITH THE CCU AND THE GOI. WHILE IT IS CONCEIVEABLE THAT SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT AMALGAMATING THE MANY AUTONOMOUS UNIONSCOULD RESULT IN A LABOR CONFEDERATION WITH UP TO ONE MILLION MEMBERS, THE GROUPS INVOLVED IN THIS LATEST ENDEAVOR HAVE A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 300,000. GIVEN THE INHERENT TENDENCY TOWARD FACTIONALISM AND PERSONALITY CONFLICTS IN THE VARIOUS
AUTONOMOUS UNIONS; AND THE ABSENCE OF POLITICAL SUPPORT, THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF THE SUBJECT EXPERIMENT ARE NOT GOOD.

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